

Bournemouth, Dorset & Poole Waste Plan Examination

Statement of Common Ground between the Waste Planning Authority¹ and Natural England concerning sites allocated for the management of non-hazardous waste (Insets 7 – 10)

The Waste Planning Authority and Natural England have concerns that the available evidence indicates that incineration of waste could lead to Likely Significant Effects due to aerial pollutants on European/Internationally protected sites in the vicinity of all four allocated sites (Insets 7 to 10). As a matter of principle, the available evidence indicates that there are other waste treatment technologies that will not have a Likely Significant Effect on the designated sites either alone or in combination. There is therefore confidence that suitable processes, which will not have a Likely Significant Effect on designated sites, will enable the waste management needs identified in the Waste Plan to be met through the allocated sites (Insets 7 to 10).

The Waste Plan contains sufficient explicit safeguards within Policy 3 and Policy 18 and within the site specific 'Development Considerations' to ensure that permission would not be granted unless sufficient evidence/mitigation is provided such that a proposal would not lead to adverse effects on the integrity of European/International designated sites.

Natural England is in agreement with the proposed modifications prepared by the Waste Planning Authority, set out in Appendix 1. The modifications seek to provide a consistent approach across all four sites (Insets 7 to 10) by strengthening and clarifying the position with regards to suitable treatment methods. The proposed modifications ensure that impacts on heathland are avoided whilst providing the opportunity for applicants to make the case for suitable waste management processes that would not result in unacceptable levels of harmful emissions, thereby addressing the needs of the Plan area.

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¹ References to the Waste Planning Authority are taken to include Bournemouth Borough Council, Dorset County Council and Borough of Poole

Appendix 1

Proposed Modifications

It is proposed to add additional text within Chapter 9 'Recovery' of the Waste Plan. Three additional paragraphs are proposed following paragraph 9.28, as follows:

'The development of energy from waste facilities involving incineration within the allocated sites (Insets 7-10) has the potential to adversely affect European and internationally protected sites, given the allocated sites' proximity to these habitats. The level of detail available at the Plan making stage has not enabled Likely Significant Effects to be ruled out for this type of technology.'

The Waste Planning Authority considers that there are other residual waste treatment technologies, such as advanced thermal treatment, where adverse effects may be able to be ruled out with much greater confidence.

Due to the sensitive locations of the allocated sites (Insets 7-10) all applications for waste development will need to provide sufficient evidence to the Waste Planning Authority to enable proposals to be screened and if necessary to enable Appropriate Assessment to be carried out. Proposals will not be approved unless the WPA is satisfied that there will be no adverse effects upon the integrity of European and internationally protected sites, in accordance with Policy 18.'

Modifications are proposed to Inset's 7 to 10 as follows;

Inset 7 – Eco Sustainable Solutions, Parley

Proposed uses-Allocated Uses

'Opportunities for intensification and redevelopment of the site including the management of non-hazardous waste. Waste management facilities, including incineration, that would lead to adverse effects upon the integrity of European Sites will not be acceptable.'

Development considerations

Amendment to Development consideration 1 as follows

'The applicant must provide sufficient information to enable the Waste Planning Authority to carry out screening and if necessary Appropriate Assessment at the planning application stage in accordance with the Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations 2017. '

Inset 8 – Land at Canford Magna, Poole

Proposed uses-Allocated Uses

'Opportunities for intensification and redevelopment of the site including the management of non-hazardous waste. Waste management facilities, including incineration, that would lead to adverse effects upon the integrity of European Sites will not be acceptable.'

New Development Considerations

'The applicant must provide sufficient information to enable the Waste Planning Authority to carry out screening and if necessary Appropriate Assessment at the planning application stage in accordance with the Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations 2017.'

Inset 9 – Land at Mannings Heath Industrial Estate, Poole

~~Proposed uses~~ Allocated Uses

Opportunities for intensification and redevelopment of the site comprising the management of non-hazardous waste through the preparation of Refuse Derived Fuel (RDF) or Solid Recovered Fuel (SRF). Waste management facilities, including incineration, that would lead to adverse effects upon the integrity of European Sites will not be acceptable.

New Development Considerations

'The applicant must provide sufficient information to enable the Waste Planning Authority to carry out screening and if necessary Appropriate Assessment at the planning application stage in accordance with the Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations 2017.'

Inset 10 – Binnegar Environmental Park, East Stoke

~~Proposed uses~~ Allocated uses

'Opportunities for intensification and redevelopment of the site including the management of non-hazardous waste. Waste management facilities, including incineration, that would lead to adverse effects upon the integrity of European Sites will not be acceptable.'

Amendment to Development Consideration 1 as follows:

'The applicant must provide sufficient information to enable the Waste Planning Authority to carry out screening and if necessary Appropriate Assessment at the planning application stage in accordance with the Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations 2017.'